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State President



Greetings North Dakota PAS members!!! Nikki Thompson here, your State PAS President for 2005-2006! I am a senior from Dickinson State University majoring in Natural Resource Management. I am an intern for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. I enjoy going to movies with my friends, planning events, and camping with my family, and.....I LOVE

PAS!!! We have had an awesome past year and I'm so glad to see our enrollment numbers up!!! Last March, ND PAS traveled to Albany, New York for the National PAS Conference. WE HAD A BLAST!!!!!! We had the opportunity to travel to New York City for a day and tour the sites. We toured the Empire State building, the Statue of Liberty, and Ground Zero. It was all very amazing! The conference itself was phenomenal in it's **25th year**. So much excitement and fun was had by all.

Baxter Black entertained us with his Cowboy Logic, the North Dakota teams placed in quite a few events, and our very own Jason Tews from NDSU was named a National Vice-President!! CONGRATULATIONS! All of North Dakota bonded well on our 30 some hour train ride. We played cards, watched movies, and shared stories. Not only did we share stories but a lot of us also shared the influenza - Definitely a trip none of us will ever forget. The next conference is in St. Louis, Missouri and it is promised to be an even better conference! Before we head down south to Missouri we have our awesome state contest held in Minot. I'm so excited to see you all there! I hope you all have a great school year! If you ever would like to comment or have any ideas about PAS don't hesitate to contact me at nikalena_02@hotmail.com or 701-770-2810.

Thank you and hope to see you all soon!

"The most wasted day of all is that during which we have not laughed."
- Sebastian Chamfort

NDSU PAS / CFFA

By Britni Chase, Secretary

Although we have lost some important members of our club this year, including last year's advisor Anissa Wilhelm, the members have been wonderful about stepping up and taking responsibility to get things done. We have an outstanding officer team for 2005-2006; they are President Ashley Vangsness, Vice President Jenny Brown, Treasurer Jeremy Zinc, CASAC/CSO Lacey Schneider, Philanthropy Chair Kimberly Lohse, Historian Kim Spears, and Fundraising Co-Chairs Jason Roise and Josh Brandt. We recently elected individuals to chair committees for the Little International. Chris Duchsherer is in charge of the Crops Contest, Kim Spears is heading up the Small Animal Contest, and Jennifer Ashley is chair of the Ag. Sales Contest. In addition to planning for Little I, we are sponsoring a Quiz Bowl on November 29th. Teams will be made up of 3 people and the entry fee is \$10. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. Our philanthropy project for the semester will soon be underway as well. We will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at the Northport Hornbachers during the holiday season. It looks to be an eventful and busy year for the NDSU PAS Chapter.

BSC PAS Chapter

By Sally Sand, Reporter

The Ag Club at BSC is already off to a great start. We've been having great turnouts for all of the activities going on. Lots of people joined together to go to the trip out west and from talking to everyone about it, it sounds like everyone had a great time and even learned a thing or two.

I decided that since Dickinson also went on the trip, that I would write a little something about each of our officers. I'll start with myself. My name is Sally Sand, I am from Ellendale, ND and I'm graduating in December with an Associate's Degree in Science and I happen to be the reporter for the Ag Club. I'll probably be President someday.

Jay Johnson is on the Board of Governor's. He is from Glenfield and enjoys hunting and fishing. It is his first year at BSC and also went to Devil's Lake for two years. Jay is going into Sales and Service and plans on working in chemical sales after school.

Heather Wells and is the BSC PAS Secretary. She is from Carson and as of now she is in the Ag. Transfer program, eventually leading to Animal Science. This is her first year at BSC. She loves showing and fitting cattle and riding horse, hanging out with friends, nothing to exciting. Pretty much any type of outside activity.

Scott Lowell Christiansen has lived in Bismarck his whole life, he is a Leo and is straight and plans on going to BSC for farm and ranch management. His plans after school are to move out to the farm and take over. He is the Ag Club Vice President.

Amanda Schaff is a member of the PAS and represents the club on the Board of Governors. She is a sophomore at Bismarck State College and is from Mandan, North Dakota majoring in Business Administration. Upon receiving her Associate of Science, Associate of Arts degree from Bismarck State College, she will be attending North Dakota State University majoring in Business Administration with hopes of being on the Equine Team, coached by Bobbi Bingemann. Her ultimate goal is to pursue a Master's in Business Administration with an emphasis in marketing and a minor in Equine Management. She is striving to work for the American Quarter Horse Association in Amarillo, Texas. An interesting fact about her is that she was Miss Rodeo North Dakota in 2005 and competed for the title of Miss Rodeo America in Las Vegas, Nevada. She also has been active volunteering for the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Angela Keller is the Treasurer of the Ag Club. She is from Mandan and is going into Crop and Weed Science. This is her second year at BSC and will transfer to NDSU next fall to finish her crop and weed degree. Her hobbies are barrel racing and riding and training horses. She also works for AGSCO after school, where they sell chemical and seeds.

NDSU PAS Chapter

By Carson Klosterman

The 2005 Fall Semester found our Agribusiness/PAS Club actively promoting membership with incoming first year students. We did this by having a brat feed with all the trimming in Chahinkappa Park.

During our first meeting in September new officers were elected. They were President; Carson Klosterman, Vice President; Peter Smith, and Secretary/Treasurer; Kevin Olson. At that meeting we also decided to have a float in the Homecoming Parade. We also chose to endorse Peter Smith as our candidate for Homecoming King and Destinee Christianson as our Homecoming Queen Candidate.

Members of our PAS Club have been busy with preparing for State Conference activities in the career planning, interview contest, and sales events. We are looking forward to another exciting state conference in Minot.

We have been enjoying an especially nice fall and hope everyone in the State PAS organization is having a safe and educational fall!

DSU PAS/Ag Club

By Jessica Thompson, Public Relations Officer

The Dickinson State University's Ag. Club has been well represented this year already. We started off the year with an Ag. Department picnic and invited the 4-H Club and the Rodeo team. We ended up having around 60 people attend! At our first Ag Club meeting we had 45 members. Now our enrollment is around 35 kids. We are very excited!!!!

Our very own State President represented us at the PAS Regional Conference in Willmar, Minnesota. She said she had a great time and learned some fun things we will try at the State Convention in January! This year our Ag. Club could not afford to send kids to Regionals so BSC and DSU had a little get together here in the western half of the state.

The whole gang went to Heart River Genetics in Belfield, the Logging Camp Ranch in Amidon, the Dickinson Research Extension Center's Ranch in Manning, the Gene Harris Ranch, the Ethanol Plant in Richardton, and the Stone Mill also in Richardton. DSU is very grateful that BSC came with such a huge group and everyone had such a blast!

We participated again with Homecoming Week although the Blizzard cut us short of some of our activities, although, we managed to salvage a float for the "pedestrian parade." Some of our Ag. Club members took a flat bed trailer COVERED it with snow and pitched a tent, built a snowman and stuck a sign on there that said, "SOME BEACH WE HAVE A LOT OF SNOW!" So it was comical and all had fun. That same weekend the Ag. Club decided to help out some elderly pick up the trees that were ruined in the blizzard. We even made the Bismarck Tribune!!! We didn't ask for any money but after around 7 yards were done over the next few weeks we made \$2, 300.00!!!!!! We are so ready for nationals!!!!!!!!!!!! Also during that week was our annual West River Ag. Expo, which got canceled due to the storm. During that Expo we usually hold our Salesmanship Contest. Since it got canceled and we had already trained the new freshman for the contest we decided to have a contest of our own. So in January we will be having our own contest among our own students.

Next came our Country Jubilee! We had some great talent and our producers Ron and Ag Club Alum; Mike Brinster did a great job with the show. Our very own Nikki Thompson and Joel Klein were the Emcee's and they had a great time. The whole club helped with the finale as they carried in flags and sang some songs.

Our club also has started our main fundraiser. We filled around 200 bags the other night with sand. We sell our sandbags to area people and we have a blast doing it! Another one of our fundraisers this year was selling coupon cards for Quiznos Subs. We have made quite a bit selling those as well as downing A LOT of sub sandwiches!

For a recreation meeting we had a scavenger hunt around the town. We had an absolute blast!

Right now we are starting to prepare for our annual Roughrider Livestock and Crop Judging Contest and our Kids Day on the Farm. We are also pumped for the State and National Convention! We have some competitive freshman and we can't wait!

We elected officers again this year at the third meeting and the new officers are as followed:

President: Marty Bearce
 Vice President: Joel Klein
 Secretary: Kent McDougal
 Treasurer: Seanna Sparks
 Public Relations: Jessica Thompson
 Asst. Sec/Treas: AJ Blohm
 Asst. PR: Elizabeth Rohde
 Recreation Chairs: Andy Johnsrud and AJ Cvancara
 Advisors: Jarri Newton and Toby Stroh

We hope to see you all at the State Convention in January!
 Until Then,
 The Dickinson State University PAS/Ag. Club

PAS

By Nikki Thompson

I started this club
My freshman year in school,
It was for Ag. Students,
Though I didn't have a clue.

I didn't know who or what
I was to be,
I was just a follower,
Not a leader, that was me.

I somehow got elected as secretary
In my local group.
I took down the minutes,
And kept track of our troop.

I soon helped plan
A fundraiser in our town.
It was hard work,
But we all did it without a frown.

Soon after my first,
Ag Club debut,
I won an Ag Sales ribbon
And some money too!

My advisors were fun
They were friendly and they cared
Always there to help
We have had so much we've shared.

So I started to ponder
On what I got involved in,
A Club? A group?
No, they were all my kin.

A family you see
Is what I found
A place to belong,
To keep my feet on the ground.

All my life
I was searching for somewhere to fit in
A place to smile, to laugh
Something to make me grin.

I learned about agriculture,
Industry, leadership, and heart.
Now I was attached to this club
And I could never part.

We practiced, rehearsed, and competed,
We dressed up real cute,
We even took home awards!
Trophies Taboot!

Though, it's not the awards,
Or the money you win
It's the people you meet
Because they become your best friends.

Doug Vannurden
Is our right hand guy,
He will get you to participate
Even when your too shy.

His heart is as big,
As the Titanic ship
And oh, he's as funny
As Napoleons, Kip!

He keeps it all together,
He's passionate, and he's true.
PAS in North Dakota should change the name
To "Doug's Crew."

The last four years are over
My time here is through
There are permanent footprints in my heart
From Agriculture kids like you.

I have become a person
I found pride, hope, and love,
This Ag Club has formed me
It always fit me like a glove.

So thank you Doug,
Thank you PAS friends,
You will all stay with me forever,
Until my time on earth ends.

Dues

State & National PAS dues are \$20 per member. This is a unified dues package. Please use the National PAS Roster available through the National PAS website www.nationalpas.org (click on “Membership”) to report your members – do not send the roster to the national organization – send it to state advisor Doug Vannurden at dvannurd@state.nd.us.

PAS Resources Available

The national PAS website has loads of resources available to local chapters. The NATIONAL PAS TIMES is now published and available for you to download. This 4 page national newsletter will keep you informed. NATIONAL PAS CONVENTION INFORMATION is coming in December. PAS LOGOS – download the PAS Logo for use in your own newsletters, websites, stationery, etc... SHOP PAS – a special link to the PAS items available through FFA Limited is included where you can order official PAS ties or scarves as well as shirts, polo’s and jackets with the PAS Logo available. A PAS RECRUITMENT BROCHURE is available that can be customized for your local chapter. You can also join the National PAS LISTSERV and really keep up on national happenings. The 2005-06 National PAS HANDBOOK will also be available soon, chapters will be receiving a CDrom of the Handbook as well as it being posted on the website.

Get your chapter recognized nationally. Send photos and brief stories for inclusion in the PAS Times “Chapter Corner”. E-mail to lrada@nationalpas.org.



Upcoming Events



2005

Dec. 9 – Deadline: discounted dues & affiliation for fall students due

2006

Jan. 25 – 27 – ND State PAS Convention – Minot International Inn

Feb. 10 – Deadline: discounted dues & affiliation for spring students due

Feb. 22 – National PAS Hotel Reservations due

Feb. 22 - National PAS Conference Registrations due

Mar. 15 – 18 National PAS Convention – St. Louis, MO

News from National PAS Vice-President

By Jason Tews



Hello North Dakota PAS members. I am Jason Tews and am currently serving as one of your 2005-2006 National PAS Vice-Presidents. I was elected back in March in Albany, NY. Being able to serve as a national officer has been very exciting and has allowed me to do some traveling and meet lots of people.

I was able to attend the Agrowknowledge convention in Ventura, CA, at the end of April. Then in June the officers got together for our training in Indianapolis where we were able to get to know each other better and have a lot of fun doing so. Then in July the officer team got together again where we met with the board of directors in St. Louis for our business meeting and to tour the 2006 convention site, which by the way is going to be a great conference! I just recently got back from the National FFA convention in Louisville. The officers and I were able to put together some fun workshops for college aged students and also some for the high school students. We were also promoting the new Collegiate Life Knowledge program which is very interesting. This program will be promoted at St. Louis this coming year. A couple of the officers and I had the chance to get up on the main stage at the convention and say a few words about PAS and how one could join PAS. It was very exciting to look out into the audience and see all those people staring at you, a few more faces than at our state PAS convention!

The other officers have also been traveling to various places promoting PAS. It looks like we may be gaining some new chapters and even gaining two more states! Texas and Arizona have been very excited about joining PAS and looks like they will be attending the conference in St. Louis.

One of my rolls as an officer has been to head up the media for National PAS, so I have a lot of great pictures of various PAS events and have some great ones from last year in Albany. I hope I am able to show some of them to all of you at the state convention in January. Every time I look at them I laugh at how much fun we all had, even Charles and Sara with their mishaps with the bird on the ferry to Liberty Island!

I would encourage all of you to take part in any activities your local chapters are having and to attend the state convention in January, hopefully some of you are thinking about running for state office, and then if you have the chance to attend the National convention in St. Louis and hopefully one of you will run for national office.

NDSU / CFFA

By Britni Chase

The fall semester has started and our attendance at the first PAS meeting of the year surprised several of us. We have many new and excited members this year! Our chapter has gotten off to a slow start this year, but we should be back in the swing of things shortly. We are in the process of filling the chapter Advisor, Vice President, Historian, and Philanthropy positions. Ashley Vangsness is our President, Jeremy Zinc is Treasurer, Lacey Schneider is our CASAC/CSO Representative, and Jason Roise and Josh Brandt are our Fundraising Co-Chairs.

Jason Tews was our only member that attended the Regional Conference this year. As always we sent

members to the District Leadership Conferences across the state. Kim Lohse attended the District 5 Conference in Lisbon where she judged the Creed Contest. Whitney Haux and Karissa Brobst attended the Conference held in Jamestown where they helped with the Quiz and Greenhand Quiz contests.

We have many things on our agenda this year. We will be planning fundraising events which could include a raffle as well as possibly hosting another Quiz Bowl. Planning for the Little "I" contests will soon get underway as well.

www.nationalpas.org

Want to learn more about the organization? Want to stay up-to-date on all the latest national PAS news?

Log onto www.nationalpas.org and find:

- National Officer Updates
- Yearly Calendar
- PAS Week Information
- PAS Logos & Forms
- PAS Recruiting Brochure
- The Comprehensive Guide to Starting your Chapter
- National PAS Handbook
- Career Program Information

The website offers you the unique opportunity to become excellent and is a great resource to help you pass the excitement on!



Our State Website is:

www.nd.gov/cte/post-secondary
(click on Agricultural Education)



PAS Mission

**The National Postsecondary Agriculture
Student Organization provides opportunities
for individual growth, Leadership, and career preparation**